

**STAFF MEETING MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
ROOM 113
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2005
8:30 A.M.**

Commissioners Present: Larry Hudkins, Chair
Deb Schorr, Vice Chair
Bob Workman
Ray Stevens

Commissioners Absent: Bernie Heier

Others Present: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer
Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Kristy Mundt, Deputy County Attorney
Trish Owen, Chief Deputy County Clerk
Ann Taylor, County Clerk's Office

The Chair opened the meeting at 8:40 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM

**1 APPROVAL OF STAFF MEETING MINUTES OF THURSDAY,
DECEMBER 1, 2005**

MOTION: Stevens moved and Workman seconded approval of the Staff Meeting minutes of December 1, 2005. Workman, Stevens, Schorr and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

2 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

- A. Contract and Bond for Bridge Project BRO 7055(101) - Waverly North (Exhibit A)
- B. Report on Three (3) Meetings Held at the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce
- C. Report on Waverly Meeting

MOTION: Stevens moved and Schorr seconded approval of the additions to the agenda. Stevens, Schorr, Workman and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

3 JUVENILE JUSTICE FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS - Corey Steele, Juvenile Justice Coordinator

Corey Steele, Juvenile Justice Coordinator, presented Juvenile Justice Review Committee (JJRC) Recommendations for LB 640, County Funding and Crime Commission Grants, 2006-2007 Funding Program and Juvenile Justice Funding Overview 2005-2006 (Exhibit B). He said a loss of \$70,000 in Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant (JAIBG) funding is anticipated and said the County is being asked to increase its funding by 1.7% (an increase of \$9,370) to help fund programs close to last year's level.

MOTION: Stevens moved and Schorr seconded approval, for planning purposes, of the request as outlined in Exhibit B. Stevens, Schorr, Workman and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

4 SEWER EASEMENTS IN WILDERNESS PARK - Brian Kramer, City Superintendent of Wastewater Collection; Clint Thomas, City Real Estate Appraiser; Terry Genrich, Parks & Recreation Natural Resources Manager

Brian Kramer, City Superintendent of Wastewater Collection, gave an overview of the sanitary sewer trunk line that will run through a field area of Wilderness Park. He said scrub trees will be clear-cut and the Parks and Recreation Department will re-seed the area with native prairie grasses when work is completed.

Terry Genrich, Parks & Recreation Natural Resources Manager, noted that a stand of Burr Oaks will be preserved.

Clint Thomas, City Real Estate Appraiser, said the County is being asked to grant the City the following:

- An easement for one dollar, and other good and valuable consideration, for the purpose of constructing, reconstructing, maintaining, operating, replacing and accessing a sanitary sewer in a portion of Wilderness Park
- A temporary easement for one dollar, and other good and valuable consideration, for the purpose of temporarily using and occupying a portion of Wilderness Park during the construction of a sanitary sewer

Thomas said the value of the permanent easement is estimated at \$6,770. The value of the temporary easement is estimated at \$11,650. He said the dedication is requested in consideration of the work that will be done in the park (clearing and grading of the 17 acres is estimated to cost the City \$81,000).

- 5 PURCHASE OF PROPERTY** - Kristy Mundt, Deputy County Attorney;
Don Killeen, County Property Manager

MOTION: Schorr moved and Workman seconded to enter Executive Session at 9:25 a.m. to discuss a property purchase. Workman, Schorr, Stevens and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

MOTION: Schorr moved and Stevens seconded to exit Executive Session at 9:43 a.m. Workman, Schorr, Stevens and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

- 6 A) TWO (2) DOMESTIC VIOLENCE GRANT APPLICATIONS; AND B) LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR CEDARS YOUTH SERVICES GRANT APPLICATION** - Kit Boesch, Human Services Administrator

A) Domestic Grant Applications

Kit Boesch, Human Services Administrator, said the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) grant is a renewal grant. She said the grant amount last year was \$202,723 and estimated that \$215,000 will be requested this year. County match is in-kind from existing budgets.

MOTION: Stevens moved and Workman seconded approval of the grant application. Workman, Stevens, Schorr and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

Boesch said the Arrest Grant is a renewal grant in the amount of \$400,000 (covers a two year period). She said Lancaster County receives \$36,000 to administer the grant. There is no required County match.

MOTION: Workman moved and Stevens seconded approval of the grant application. Stevens, Schorr, Workman and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

B) Letter of Support for Cedars Youth Services Grant Application

Boesch recommended support of the request for funding of the Youth As Resources (YAR) Program.

MOTION: Stevens moved and Workman seconded to authorize the Chair to sign the letter of support. Stevens, Schorr, Workman and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

- 7 PENDING LITIGATION** - Sue Eckley, Workers' Compensation & Risk Management Manager

MOTION: Schorr moved and Workman seconded to enter Executive Session at 9:51 a.m. for discussion of pending litigation. Workman, Schorr, Stevens and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

MOTION: Stevens moved and Workman seconded to exit Executive Session at 9:57 a.m. Workman, Stevens, Schorr and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS

D. Paycheck Insert for December 15, 2005 (Safety Newsletter)

MOTION: Workman moved and Stevens seconded approval. Workman, Schorr, Stevens and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

8 REGION V NETWORK SERVICES AGREEMENT - Kristy Mundt, Deputy County Attorney

Kristy Mundt, Deputy County Attorney, said her office has concerns with regards to the following provisions:

- Public Counsel
- Hold Harmless
- Priority status for admission to behavioral health services funded through the contract, specifically giving priority status to women with severe and persistent mental illness who (1) have been sexually assaulted or raped by male patients at the Hastings Regional Centre (HRC); and (2) all women who are, or (3) in the future will be patients at the HRC.

Mundt said a court order giving these women prioritized services is no longer in effect and said the provision appears to breach the County's standard non-discrimination clause.

The Board scheduled the agreement on the Tuesday, December 13, 2005 Board of Commissioners Meeting agenda.

The Chair exited the meeting at 10:08 a.m. and the Vice Chair assumed direction of the meeting.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

- A. Contract and Bond for Bridge Project BRO 7055(101) - Waverly North (Exhibit A)

MOTION: Workman moved and Stevens seconded to authorize the Vice Chair to sign the contract and to place the contract and bond on the Tuesday, December 13, 2005 Board of Commissioners Meeting agenda under Receive and Place on File. Stevens, Workman and Schorr voted aye. Hudkins was absent from voting. Motion carried.

9 ACTION ITEMS

A. Right-of-Way Certificate for Jamaica North Trail Federal Highway Project Grant Program

MOTION: Stevens moved and Workman seconded to authorize signature by the Vice Chair. Stevens, Schorr and Workman voted aye. Hudkins was absent from voting. Motion carried.

B. Microcomputer Request C#2005-455, \$2,000.00 from Juvenile Court Budget and \$4,605.93 from Microcomputer Fund for a Computer, 17" Monitor, Laser Printer, Nine (9) Lotus Notes Des Top Licenses, Etc.

MOTION: Workman moved and Stevens seconded approval. Stevens, Workman and Schorr voted aye. Hudkins was absent from voting. Motion carried.

C. Mid-Year Budget Review Letter to Elected Officials and Department Heads (January 19, 2006)

MOTION: Stevens moved and Workman seconded to authorize the letter to be sent, incorporating changes suggested by members of the Board. Stevens, Schorr and Workman voted aye. Hudkins was absent from voting. Motion carried.

D. Paycheck Insert for December 15, 2005 (Safety Newsletter)

Item moved forward on the agenda.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

B. Report on Three (3) Meetings Held at the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce

Stevens reported on three meetings held at the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce. The first involved City and County officials and the Chamber's Public Policy Committee. The main topic of discussion was the proposed sale of the "K" Street Complex. Stevens said he, Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer; and Dave Kroeker, Budget and Fiscal Officer; later met with Matt Carlson and Bruce Bohrer from the Chamber of Commerce to discuss the matter further. The topic of the third meeting was community consensus (Exhibit C).

C. Report on Waverly Meeting

Workman said a reporter from France is coming to Waverly and would like to talk to local officials about how the war in Iraq has effected local government. He was asked to participate in the discussion.

10 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

- A. County Representative for South Street Business District/Civic Association

MOTION: Workman moved and Stevens seconded to appoint Dean Settle, Community Mental Health Center Director, as the County representative. Stevens, Schorr and Workman voted aye. Hudkins was absent from voting. Motion carried.

- B. Elected Official Salary Committee Meeting (Monday, December 12, 2005)

Stevens will meet with the committee on behalf of the Board.

11 DISCUSSION OF BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS

- A. Monthly Meeting of County Board Chair/Vice Chair and Mayor - Hudkins, Schorr

Schorr said the Mayor was responsive to the idea of having the Board participate in evaluation of joint department heads.

- B. Arena Task Force - Schorr

Schorr said the task force has split into four committees: 1) Arena Committee; 2) Technical Committee; 3) Finance Committee; and 4) Exhibition Space Committee. She said she serves on the committee looking at exhibition space and said there is a great deal of concern on the part of the State Fair Board and the Lancaster County Agricultural Society with the recommendation that the two entities combine their operations into a single location.

C. Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee - Stevens

Stevens said officers were elected and committees appointed.

D. Lincoln-Lancaster County Ecological Advisory Committee (EAC) - Heier

No report.

E. Lincoln Partnership for Economic Development (LPED) Investors - Hudkins

Workman said Mayor Seng reported on completion of 84th Street; Stevens Creek Sewer Trunk Line; and South Beltway/Antelope Valley funding. Susan Gourley, Lincoln Public Schools (LPS) Superintendent of Schools, gave a presentation on the proposed bond issue.

Stevens said it has been suggested that governmental entities need to increase their contributions to LPED.

Board consensus was to ask Darl Naumann, Administrative Assistant to the Mayor/Economic Development, to give the Board an economic development update.

12 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Stevens moved and Workman seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 a.m. Workman, Schorr and Stevens voted aye. Hudkins was absent from voting. Motion carried.

Bruce Medcalf
Lancaster County Clerk